

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY SHREVEPORT
STAFF SENATE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 13TH 2006

II. WELCOME

- a. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. Wednesday December 13th 2006 by President Rita Lott. The following senators were present: Eddie Thomas, Tulin Melancon, Cooper Cochran, Pam Howard, Ed Robbins, Tracy McCrary, Rita Lott, Cyndi Olson, Femand Garlington, Viki Fentress, Adnan Samhan, Nicki Lafitte, Darlene Player, Elmer Tingler, Cheryl Crain and Joseph Pearson.
- b. Guests who signed in: Mike Ferrell, Mary Gardner, Jan McMillian, Bart Riggins, Barbara Kase, Jackie Langford, Henry Moore, Melinda West, Donna Byrd, Marilyn Fisher, Beverly Wright, Ken Brooks, DeAnn Arnold, Marilyn Saunders.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the meeting dated November 8th 2006 were approved.

III. COMMENTS

- a. Mike Ferrell
 - i. Legislative Special Session:
 - II. Considering possible raises and capital money for deferred maintenance
 - ii. Security and Safety
 - II. Watch purses, desks etc. Lock doors when not in offices.
- b. DeAnn Arnold
 - i. Open enrollment sessions begin April 3rd
 - ii. HMO and MCO are up for bids. Some rates may change.
 - iii. Get an early start on these important decisions

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. LSU Staff Council Meeting
 - i. The System needs to come together for common purposes and goals
 - ii. Soon there will be a Staff Council website that will link all schools in the system and include the ability to make comments that will go to the system President and Chancellors for consideration.
 - iii. Now that the council is organized issues can be brought before the Board. We should not be afraid to voice our concerns as a staff.
 - iv. There is potential for LSUS Staff Senate e-comment boards
 - v. There is concern about creating professional development opportunities
 - vi. President Lott was quoted by the Staff Council President as an example of trying to bring community to the staff at LSUS.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Luncheon Committee

- i. Did a fabulous job on the Holiday Luncheon
- b. Brown Bag Committee
 - i. The idea for this committee is to organize a twice monthly, informal brown bag luncheon gathering in different offices/areas of the campus and here a brief speaker.
 - ii. There are currently 5 members who have volunteered to serve on this committee, any other may contact Viki Fentress.
- c. Crisis Leave
 - i. Will meet after the holidays
- d. Long Range Planning Committee
 - i. They are working on meeting with the Chancellor in January.
- e. Election Committee
 - i. The committee will meet in January
 - ii. There are going to be 3 open positions: Admin/Manager, Clerical, and Skilled Crafts
- f. Homecoming Committee
 - i. Joseph Pearson was appointed to represent the Staff Senate on the Homecoming Committee.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. New Senator
 - i. Bart Riggins
 - ii. Bart was seated on the Senate

VIII. COMMENTS FROM STAFF SENATORS

- a. DeAnn Arnold and Joseph Pearson are working on a project with Blue Cliff Massage to provide 15 minute chair massages to fac/staff on January 26th. Watch your email for info and to sign up.
- b. Joseph will be working with the SAB to see if we can utilize a motivational/training speaker to do a session for the Staff/faculty in the early afternoon in April.
- c. Tulin suggested that we organize some training for staff, she is willing to offer basic computer training as she has recently become certified, and suggests that we use the expertise we have on campus to train each other.
- d. Elmer asked that we remember the HVAC will be off during much of the holiday break so remember to take care of anything sensitive in offices. Also remember to turn off equipment.
- e. Bart Riggins announced that he and George Carroll will be organizing regular blood donation opportunities by appointment.
- f. Adnan announced that we should be proud that two of our staff senate members were selected to receive Outstanding Service Awards: Nicki Lafitte and Viki Fentress.
- g. President Lott reiterated that her goal in the last months of her presidency is to help the staff and staff senate to be more community oriented.

IX. Adjournment at 2:40 pm.